

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 25, 2016 AT 5:00 PM

Mayor Horne opened the meeting by announcing that this was an open meeting of the Common Council. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by forwarding the complete agenda to the official City newspaper, the New Richmond News, and to all news media who have requested the same as well as posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the City Clerk's office. Anyone desiring information as to forthcoming meetings should contact the City Clerk's office.

Roll call was taken.

Members Present: Mayor Horne, Alderman Volkert, Montello, Kittel, Ard, and Jackson.

Members Absent: Alderman Zajkowski

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Alderman Kittel moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Ard and carried.

Applications for License to Serve

Alderman Ard moved to approve the applications for license to serve from Joshua M. Bonney, New Richmond; Cassandra J. Plante, Baldwin; and Breanna L. Sonnee, Hudson, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried.

Request for Exemption – Wellhead Protection District

The purpose of the wellhead protection district is to prevent well contamination. Backyard Paradise has requested an exemption from Ordinance 121-60 which prohibits outdoor fuel storage tanks within the protection district. Staff has reviewed the request for exemption and found that the proposed installation of storage tanks meets our ordinance and also meets Chapter NR 811 requirements and recommends approval by City Council. The two storage tanks are double walled and monitored, so there is no risk to the well. Alderman Montello moved to approve the request for exemption from Backyard Paradise, seconded by Alderman Ard and carried.

Bids for 2016 Street & Utility Projects

Jeremiah Wendt, Public Works Director, presented the following bids:

	<u>A-1 Excavating</u>	<u>Haas Sons Inc.</u>
North Starr & E Hughes	737,091.65	789,086.20
Paperjack Drive	1,014,739.90	972,281.40
East/West River Dr/Fairfield/Summit	1,390,035.00	1,466,596.90
North Shore Drive	<u>1,055,536.90</u>	<u>1,079,462.76</u>
Total	4,197,403.45	4,307,427.26

Alderman Montello moved to accept the low bid from A-1 Excavating for \$4,197,403.45, seconded by Alderman Ard and carried.

Police Department Furnace/Air Conditioning Quotes

The following quotes were received for this project:

Anderson Heating, Inc	\$20,221.00
Countryside Plumbing & Heating	\$18,250.00

There was a question of whether there is a need for air cleaning ability at the Police Department. Considerable discussion followed. Mike Darrow stated that funds to pay for this system will come from capital improvement cash reserves. Alderman Kittel discussed using local companies. Alderman Montello moved to accept the quote from Anderson Heating, including the tests and balance and the upgrade of the more energy efficient model of furnace and AC unit, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried. Alderman Kittel voted no.

Finance Committee – Committee of the Whole

Mayor Horne stated he would like to amend the ordinance regarding Finance Committee to have the full Council act as the Finance Committee. Discussion followed. The Council would have a vote and the Mayor would only vote in the event of a tie. It was the consensus of the Council to amend the ordinance. The City Attorney will draft a new ordinance that will need Council approval when it is completed.

Work Session Hours and Location

There was discussion regarding the time and location of the Council work sessions. A suggestion was made to change the time to 6:00 p.m. Discussion followed. The location will be changed to the council chambers of the Civic Center. It was the consensus of the Council to change the time to 5:30 p.m. which allows time for members to go home and have supper before the meeting rather than having to provide food.

Strategic Plan Update

Mike Darrow explained the following goals which were approved in the last strategic plan:

- 1) A City borrowing limit of 75% or lower of the community's debt capacity
- 2) Maintaining or decreasing the tax levy
- 3) At least 1% grown in the City's overall valuation each year for the next 5 years
- 4) Improving natural and cultural amenities in the community

The plan for updating the Strategic Plan is as follows:

April - City Council - one-on-one interviews, social media and press updates – community discussion
May - Formation of key areas
June – Begin to outline specific roadmaps for completion of key area topics & key stakeholder meeting
July – A draft plan will be developed for review
August – City Council will be asked to take formal action on new 5 year plan

CDBG Application Update

Mike Darrow stated that staff recently met with the School District and WCWRPC Representatives. Staff is currently preparing documentation for the project budget and building conditions. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for May 9th at which time the following items will also be discussed:

- 1) Authorizing Resolution for Application
- 2) Statement of Assurances
- 3) Lobbying Certification
- 4) Fair Housing Ordinance
- 5) Relocation Plan/Anti-Displacement Plan
- 6) Excessive Use of Force Ordinance

Closed Session

There was no need for Closed Session at this time.

Communications & Miscellaneous

Saturday, April 30, 2016 is the Loyalty Day Parade at 2:00 p.m. anyone interested in helping should be there at 1:00 p.m. to help with directing floats and trucks to the right place. Lots of veterans will be attending to participate and to view the parade. Mike Darrow stated the Police and Fire Commission have narrowed the candidates for Police Chief to three people and second interviews will be on May 2, 2016. City Council members will participate with the Police and Fire Commission members in two groups that will meet with the candidates. There will also be a community group and a staff group that will interview

the candidates. The day should close at approximately 2:30 p.m. The Police and Fire Commission may make a decision that day.

Alderman Ard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Montello and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Tanya Reigel
City Clerk